

TALE OF BRUTALITY

Brought Out by the Raper Divorce Case.

MRS. RAPER'S STARTLING EVIDENCE.

Home Life Full of Horrors—The Young Men Threatens the Life of His Father.

There was a somewhat sensational scene in the district court during the trial of the divorce case of W. B. Raper against Lela Z. Raper now on trial.

Willie Raper is a boy about 15 years old who sides with his mother in the case. His father was on the witness stand telling a story that would not bear repetition in these columns, when Willie Raper is said to have exclaimed in a voice not audible to the court, "I'm going to shoot the old man!" and ran out of the court room.

Mrs. Raper is a large woman but she jumped up hastily and followed her son, and she was followed by the other Raper children and Andy Miller, the "hired man" who is also mixed up in the case. Lawyer W. R. Hazen who represents the defendant in the case, called S. B. Isenhardt, the plaintiff's attorney to one side and said, "That boy's gone to get a revolver to shoot the old man. I think he's crazy; he has made similar threats before. He may make a stray shot and shoot one of us instead. I think we'd better notify the sheriff."

Mr. Isenhardt agreed with him and Deputy Sheriff Dan Jones was notified. The Raper boy went up the street and when he came back Jones corralled him down stairs and is reported to have taken a revolver away from him.

On the witness stand later on, however, the boy denied that he intended to shoot his father. He shed tears, and when the cross examination was the hottest he mildly suggested that "he thought it was time for court to let out." The fact was developed, however, that Willie Raper, with some other assistance, once put a rope around the "old man's" neck, (he is referred to in this way by everybody about the court, lawyers and all) and tried to hang him, and Willie did drag him and give the rope "a few twists." He says proudly that when he "twisted" him he proposes to "lick the old man." Andy Miller, the hired man, did "lick" him last winter, and it cost him \$38 in Justice Chesney's court.

The case is one for absolute divorce, but it also has involved in it a petition for a receiver for the property of Mrs. Raper, as the property is all in her name. It consists of 440 acres of land five miles west of town and about twenty head of cattle.

The ground for divorce is that Mrs. Raper is too friendly with Andy Miller. The two are at present living west of Washburn college. In the defense Mrs. Raper and the children, all of whom took her part in the case, accuse Mr. Raper of having an ungovernable temper and they say that one of his favorite tricks is spitting in people's faces.

Mrs. Raper was put on the stand late in the afternoon and told a story quite different from that of the "old man." She said:

"All that he says is false. It is a lie, all of it. I am 53 years old, and was never in girlhood or womanhood guilty of a misdemeanor."

"Does your husband abuse you frequently?"

"Yes, every time any little thing goes wrong he scolds and swears at me and often beats me. He has a high temper and a very jealous disposition, and whenever I don't get home when he expects me he accuses me of running around with other men."

"Is Mr. Raper a Christian?"

"I guess he is. He reads his bible all the time. He searches the scriptures while I search for bread. He is engaged in hunting up Campbellite doctrine, and he is always willing to stop what he is doing and argue with Methodists or Presbyterians."

"Is your property incumbered?"

"Yes. My taxes are not paid yet and I have failed to meet my interest to the Kansas Trust company due last week, and I have a good many bills past due."

"How do you live?"

"Willie works for 50 cents a day and I am allowed to run bills at a little grocery store. I hate to say it but I really don't have enough to eat and I haven't had a new dress for two years. I wear men's shoes and had to stay up late last night and sew and patch to make the children fit to appear here in this court."

"You say your husband abuses you?"

"Yes; once he struck me in my face and knocked my false teeth out and the children picked them up ten feet away. And again he hit my head against the kitchen wall, and there happened to be a nail in the wall. When he got through there was a bunch of my hair tangled on that nail as big as my fist, that had been jerked out. I remember another time I went through a door to get away from him and shut the door behind me. He struck me with his fist and knocked it in five places, and they bounced clear across the room and tore a hole in the curtain."

Mrs. Raper frequently shed tears while she was on the stand and hid her face behind a large palm leaf fan.

The evidence in the Raper divorce case and the petition for a receiver for the property in Mrs. Raper's name was concluded in the district court this morning, and Judge Hazen took the case under advisement until 1:30 Monday afternoon.

A CHARMING CONCERT

Given at Washburn College Chapel Last Evening.

The largest audience of the season assembled at the Washburn college chapel last evening to hear the graduating recital of Miss Adelaide Stich, Minnie Bishop and Edna Pierce.

Miss Stich has a high soprano voice, which her teacher, Mrs. Julia Gould Siebert terms "of dramatic quality." It is very pleasing to the ear and her execution is accurate. The only criticism to be made is that her articulation might be improved by further careful study.

Miss Bishop has a sympathetic contralto voice which pleases an audience. Miss Pierce captivated the audience with her singing. Her voice high and clear and her execution is accurate. Each of the ladies sang three solos.

The duet by Misses Stich and Bishop, and the trio by three graduates were received with applause.

Dudley Buck's beautiful quartette arrangement of "Annie Laurie" given by the ladies and Mrs. Siebert closed a very excellent evening of music.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Mrs. P. Ott, who is the guest of Mrs. Philip Zimmerman, will return to Lincoln, Nebraska, the first of next week.

Mrs. C. G. Constant of Cheyenne, Wyoming, is the guest of Mrs. D. O. Crane. Miss Trissa Greenwood will leave tomorrow to spend a few days near St. Marys.

Mrs. A. M. Fuller and daughter Gustie are spending a few days in Kansas City.

Harry Wells, went to Junction City today.

Mrs. C. W. Angle and son Lamont Gregg, will go to Muncie, Ill., next week.

Miss Emily Black left today for Topeka, Ill., to visit her sister, Mrs. W. H. Caniff.

Mr. Henry Strong, who was called to Asheville, N. C., last week, by the serious condition of his wife, who is at the Wingnaw sanitarium, writes that she is improving.

Charles Sampson is spending the week in Denver.

Miss Ida Parsons of Seneca is visiting Miss Jennie Rogers.

Rev. James M. Spargrove, aged 32, who has just returned to Kansas a graduate of the Pittsburgh, Pa., theological seminary, was yesterday afternoon married to Miss Esther Marquis aged 28, by Rev. E. S. Ferrand, at his residence, 1275 Dillon street. Miss Marquis lived at Madison, Kas., where the bridegroom has received a call as pastor of the Presbyterian church. The couple will leave for their new home this evening.

An informal reception will be held at the residence of the Misses Price, 901 Western avenue, Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6. The ladies of Topeka will be given an opportunity to contribute toward Christ's hospital.

Mrs. Frank Eubright of Chicago is visiting Miss Clara Eubright on Fillmore street.

Mrs. J. F. Rohler and daughter Mary of Harrisburg, Pa., are the guests of J. H. Rohler, 1233 Monroe street.

Miss Carrie Morgan will sing a solo at the First Congregational church tonight.

Will Morrison of Chicago is visiting his parents on Clay street.

Capt. J. B. Sheafor returned to Valley Falls today.

Will Dick went to Oskaloosa today to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith and daughter Mabel have gone to Chicago, New York and Washington for a two weeks' visit.

The high school class of '94 will give their class banquet at the home of Clarence Evans in the near future.

A double wedding is a certainty before the month is over.

Mrs. Fort, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Davis, has returned to her home in Galena, Ill.

Dave Harvey will go to Omaha the latter part of the week.

There was a social at the home of Mrs. W. O. Anderson last evening.

H. Clarkson is in Wichita.

Mrs. C. V. Clugston went to Chicago today.

Mrs. L. B. Snow and mother, Mrs. Knight, and Morton Snow left today for Colorado Springs.

Miss Mame Alden spent Monday in Carbondale.

Mrs. Thomas Murray, of St. Louis, will arrive next week to visit Mrs. E. F. Dixon.

Miss Kate Devereux and Mr. Albert Plintham were married at high noon yesterday at the bride's home in Lawrence, and Mrs. F. C. Gay and daughter and Miss Gertrude Devereux attended the wedding.

Miss Florence Greer will give a box party at the Amphion club concert Friday evening.

Prof. C. D. Hudson will not give a dancing party at Vinewood on the 15th, as was expected.

Miss Viola Stansfield, of Arkansas City, is visiting friends on Harrison street.

John Stauffer and children, of Chicago, is expected next month to visit her mother, Mrs. C. A. Case.

General Social Notes.

Miss Mame and Dick Alden have returned from a trip to Chicago and Springfield, Ills.

Miss Bessie Boughton is home from Baldwin. She graduated at Baker university last week.

Miss Belle Bennett has returned from Chicago, where she has been studying music the past year.

Mrs. W. B. Gibson and son Fred have returned from Olathe.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Central Congregational church picnicked at Garfield park yesterday.

Len Korn returned to Chicago today.

Miss Otis Hyatt has returned from La Junta, Colo., and is the guest of Miss Edna Chellis.

Mrs. G. A. Bailey will go to Kansas City tomorrow to spend a few days.

Mrs. J. S. Sprout and son Philip will go to Clay Center Thursday to spend a week with Mrs. J. R. Myers.

Mrs. Ned Adams—Nellie Dick—of Chicago, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Rodgers.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, son and daughter are visiting in Kansas City.

Mrs. W. C. Stein has returned from a visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Payne spent Sunday at Lake View.

Mrs. A. W. Sellard, of Scranton, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Kirby at 706 West Sixth street.

Rev. A. S. Embree has gone to Fort Scott.

There was a union meeting of all the Baptist missionary societies at the city yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church. Mrs. Jesse Shaw, president of the first church missionary society, presided.

Mrs. John R. Mulvane entertained Miss Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Chapman Catt, Mrs. T. S. Lyon and Mrs. Andrew Patrick at luncheon yesterday.

Jack Minnow and Guy Fisher spent Sunday in Lawrence.

Mrs. Frank Parr, of Admire, is visiting in town.

Literary and Musical.

There was rather a small attendance at Library hall last evening, but the authors and musicians of Topeka gave an excellent entertainment nevertheless. Those who read original stories were Dr. H. W. Roby, Rev. C. M. Sheldon, W. C. Campbell, Mrs. A. P. Wilder and Misses Myra Williams and Virgie Mulvane.

Mr. H. L. Shirer and Miss Florence Hollister each sang a solo in their usual pleasing way, and Miss Gertrude Tracy played a piano solo.

The entertainment was a very pleasant one. The proceeds will go toward the erection of a monument to Hahnemann at Washington.

CRACK FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It is the Santa Fe's in This City—General Railroad News.

Harry McKeen, of Kansas City's crack fire department, was in the city yesterday and called at the Santa Fe shops' fire department. He was very much surprised and impressed with its completeness.

There are fourteen men in the department and as their method is almost perfect a fire has little chance to do much damage. The headquarters house is just north of the storeroom and in it at night sleep four men: Wm. Hayden, Zach. Wood, John Fraze and Jacob Long.

The officers of the department are, John O'Brien, chief; Joe Byers, assistant; John Wood, foreman. The sleeping room is scrupulously clean. When a fire alarm comes in the whistle-gong sets up a clanging and a yell that no man could sleep through and at the same time the net curtains of the beds are automatically jerked out of the way.

This appliance was invented and made by Chief O'Brien, who established the department here fourteen years ago and also the ones at the Santa Fe shops at Fort Madison, Iowa, Argentine and Ottawa.

There are hose houses and ladders in all parts of the yards. This is necessary as it would be next to impossible to drag a reel on a truck over the tracks. The men are all of the department there is to move and if the fire is any distance away a switch engine is pressed into service. Every man in the shops understands the fire signals. The call members of the company are Walter Copeland, Fred Lungston, Ed Doyle, John Stephenson, Steve Lewis and Ed Sheffield.

Spikes and Sparks.

Personal Notes Among the Railroad Shops and Offices.

Steve Lewis, of the Santa Fe machine shops, is visiting in Michigan.

John Morgan, who has been caller at the Santa Fe round house, has been promoted to a position in the office of Superintendent of Machinery John Player.

Claude Durham, formerly of Mr. Player's office, is now caller.

Two more of the new Richmond locomotives arrived at the Santa Fe shops yesterday. There are now only five of the original twenty to come.

Frank Bradfield, of the Santa Fe transfer tables, and family, visited relatives at Oskawie this week.

Superintendent of Machinery John Player, and Master Mechanic George Smith of the Santa Fe, left yesterday for New York city, to attend the annual convention of the master mechanics of America.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Railroad News Items Interesting to Railroaders and the Public.

A drunken tramp assaulted W. B. Mose, night ticket agent of the Santa Fe, at Emporia, and struck him with a beer bottle. The tramp was arrested.

The Santa Fe is looking forward to a big fruit business from California next month. The cherries are already coming from there over the Santa Fe at the rate of four to five car loads a day.

J. M. Watkins, general agent of the Canda Cattle Car company, visited the Santa Fe offices here today.

The Santa Fe will run another special to Kansas City from Emporia on Sunday, the 24th. It will be governed by the same time and rates as the one of the 3rd, probably.

Superintendent of Telegraph Gennell of the Santa Fe, was able to be at his desk this morning for the first time since he was taken sick a week ago.

The Rock Island has announced its Fourth of July rate. One fare for the round trip to points within 200 miles, tickets on sale the 3d and 4th, good to return the 6th.

L. J. Sprengle of Washington, Kas., and G. W. Hagenbuck of Kansas City, visited the Santa Fe offices yesterday afternoon.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Some News Notes of General and Personal Interest.

A special train of seven Pullman coaches, a baggage car and a diner went through Topeka at 1 o'clock this afternoon, bound for Denver. On board were 135 eastern physicians, who are going to Denver to attend the annual meeting of the American Institute of Homoeopathy, which will be in session June 14 to 22.

Rev. J. R. Madison, of the Kansas Avenue M. E. church, will address the bible class meeting at the Santa Fe shops tomorrow noon.

The Santa Fe will run a special train from Emporia to Ottawa this evening to attend the Yaw concert.

The Santa Fe has issued an illustrated folder of thirty-two pages descriptive of the Maxwell land grant in New Mexico.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Johnnie Feiger is in St. Marys this week on business.

You will find Bud Geary, the barber, at 101½ Kansas avenue.

Postmaster A. J. Arnold accompanied Mrs. Arnold as far as Kansas City on her trip to Minneapolis.

Harry Petro, who has been visiting his uncle, Geo. W. Petro, the past two weeks, has returned to his home in Beloit.

R. B. McMaster and Thomas Page drove into the country yesterday and report the corn in excellent condition.

A. C. Geary, who has been so long in the employ of Kingsolver & Lannan, has opened a business of his own on the opposite side of the avenue.

The business meeting of the Baptist Young People's society, announced for this evening, has been postponed until Tuesday evening of next week.

W. T. Ham, the Jefferson county farmer who was run into by a Rock Island train and so badly hurt some days ago, was in the city today. His most serious hurt was in the region of the spine and the left side is partly paralyzed. His little son who had an arm broken at the same time is recovering nicely.

A full leather extension top surrey for \$100, at Lukens Bros., North Topeka.

Call at Garner & Lane's cash grocery, 845 North Kansas avenue. They meet all competition.

"Our New Delight" and all Dangler stoves at H. M. Climes.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's.

Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting.

For bargains in shingles see E. P. Ewart, Gordon and Kansas avenue.

Go to Will Griffith's for the best tin, galvanized iron and pump work.

"What's new to know, what new to register?"

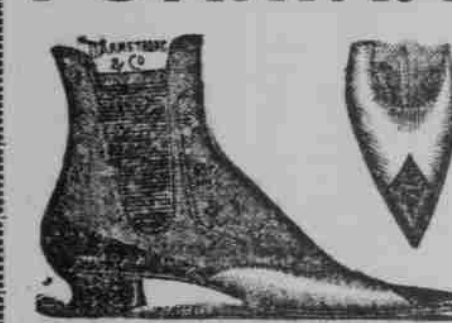


Nothing but our big stock of Sideboards. Nothing but the attractive prices on them. Little Prices for big, sightly, handsome Boards, \$14, \$16, \$17, \$18, \$20 and up. The prices praise the goods.

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Tan Glaze Kid Congress, large buttons, hand turned, new opera toe, price, \$5.00
Fine Dongola Button, large buttons, hand turned, new opera toe; price, \$4.00
Tan Glaze Kid Oxford Ties, new square and new needle toe; price, \$3.00

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Is this convention weather a forecast of the election?

Rev. Anna H. Shaw speaks at Arkansas City this evening.

A new brick walk has been laid in front of 607 Kansas avenue.

G. C. Clemens is the best dressed delegate at the Populist convention.

A colored man with a lemonade stand at Hamilton hall is getting rich.

Er—by the way, what has become of Cy Corning and his objection party?

Dr. S. McCallin of the Advocate has not been seen inside the convention hall.

A convention is "Blind Joe's" harvest. He and his hand organ capture the overflow.

The stone wall around Senator John Martin's yard is a great place for spooey people.

The creditors of the United States Savings Bank are to be paid 80 per cent dividend.

Six large coops of live pigeons arrived from Kansas City for the Topeka gun club shoot.

Every man that had anything to say for or against suffrage was out last night saying it on the street.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Felt of the Atchison Champion was visitor at the Populist convention yesterday.

The Topeka Christian Endeavor societies will hold a union meeting this evening at the First Congregational church.

There is a man attending the Populist state convention who has whiskers longer than Senator Peffer's, but they are not nearly so nice.

The "shoot" on the West End Gun club grounds is great sport for the small boys. There are about a dozen traps to be kept loaded.

At the place that used to read: "Orphans' Home," on the Higginbotham house, now appears a neat sign: "Kansas Medical College."

A man dropped a nickel in the phonograph machine in the National hotel yesterday. He held the tubes in his hands and said: "I can't feel no shock."

The trustees of Washburn college have had an extra issue of the "Mid-Continent" printed, to be used as an advertisement for the school. It contains a large number of illustrations.

The police made a raid on the city park yesterday afternoon and arrested six tramps who were drunk and had indulged in a free fight. Some of them were covered with blood.

Judge Riner Differs.

Judge Riner, presiding at the federal court at Leavenworth, has overruled the demurrer made by the defendants in the case of the United States against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway. The case is one in which the government contests the title to over a hundred thousand acres of land in Allen, Chase, Woodson, Morris, Riley, Geary, Lyon, Wabunsee and Dickinson counties. The demurrer was taken on the ground that the petition was multifarious. Judge Riner held that it wasn't.

Imported and domestic cigars at Stansfield's, 632 Kys. ave.

RAN TO PAY HIS FINE.

Almost Unheard of Zeal of a Liquor Seller.

There was a remarkable session of the police court today. In thirty minutes Judge Ensminger had dealt out \$250 worth of "justice" and \$100 of it was paid in cash.

The man who paid was W. D. Marmaduke, the agent of the Heim Brewing company of Kansas City. He sells stuff to the dealers on Smoky Row that is supposed to be hopless, but has no label on it. Marmaduke was afraid he was going to be late for court so he ran all the way from the Throop hotel, and as he is a big man in circumference he was thoroughly warmed up and well winded when he arrived. He said he was guilty when charged with selling liquor, and paid Jailor Woodruff in cash from a big roll of bills that contained among other things three checks for \$200 each. After the court was over he talked freely and said, "We don't sell any of that unlabeled stuff outside of Kansas. People in places like Smoky Row seem to prefer rotten stuff like that to a fairly good article. I have never tasted any of that stuff and couldn't be induced to take any of it."

Prof. Lovell analyzed one bottle of Marmaduke's wares and found it to contain about a gill of alcohol and half that amount of a jelly-like substance that gave forth an odor like a medical college dissecting room.

DEGRADED HUMANITY.

The Kind of Men Now Found Daily in the City Park.

Ten of the most forlorn looking tramps that ever begged the price of a quail, were in police court this morning for an offense that is becoming more and more obnoxious to the court.

They were drunk and disorderly in the city park; in fact they had the kind of a time that some fashionable young men go to Kansas City to have. They were gloriously drunk. Some engaged in a free-for-all fight, while the rest were too drunk to fight and lay on the ground in a drunken stupor. Six policemen, headed by Sergeant Donovan, raided the whole crowd and captured ten of the thirty or more. The rest got away. These ten men wobbled into court with the shy diffidence of so many common-wealers asking for work, and a sorry looking lot they were. Their faces and hair were scarred and bloody.

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Parties going to Emporia will find the Leland Hotel, opposite Santa Fe depot, a first-class house on American and European plan. Lunch counter and restaurant open all night.

Webb & Harris, druggists, Bennett's Flats